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Join Preservation Oklahoma for a fun and exciting reception that highlights the need to protect Oklahoma's historic treasures and also helps support our mission.

On Monday, May 7, Preservation Oklahoma will unveil the 2018 list of Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Places. The event will take place at 5:30pm in the new Page Woodson Community Room. The unveiling serves as the official kickoff of statewide activities focused on the 2018 list and also raises funds that allow Preservation Oklahoma to advance its mission of promoting historic preservation statewide. Tours will be available for event-goers and there will also be a special presentation by developer Ronald Bradshaw.

Special discounts will be available for POK members. To become a member of Preservation Oklahoma and for more event information, visit the Preservation Oklahoma website, www.preservationok.org.

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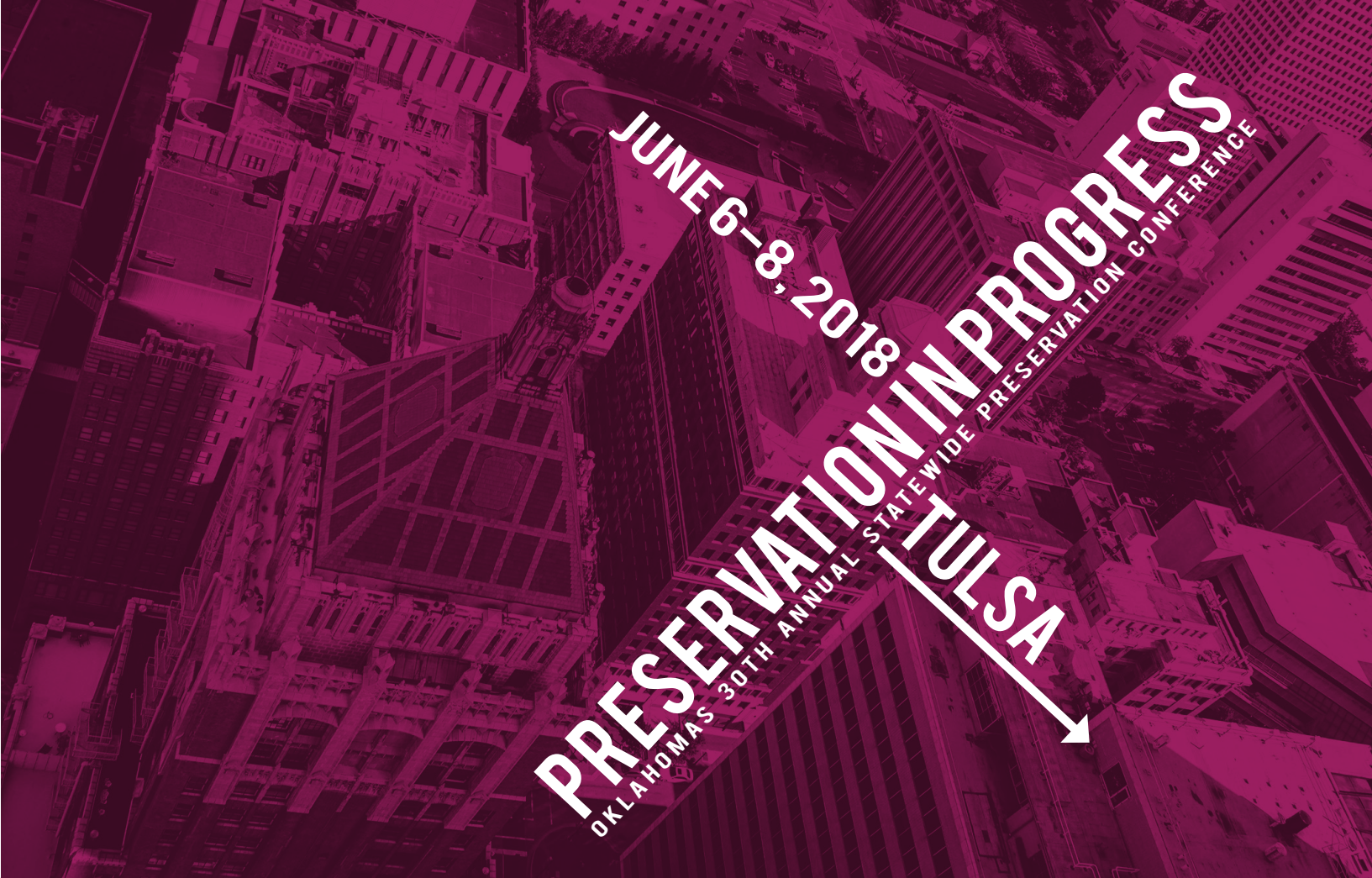
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Preservation in Progress: Oklahoma’s 30th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference will be held June 6-8 in downtown Tulsa. Join historic preservation leaders and advocates to discuss the future of historic preservation statewide and to keep current on the fundamentals for identifying and protecting the heritage of all Oklahomans. The program features plenary sessions, workshops, concurrent sessions and special events. A few highlights are listed below.

June 6 kicks off with Plenary Session #1 where attendees will hear how Tim Tielman, preservation advocate, has worked to save some of the most important historic resources in Buffalo, New York, how the same issues face communities in Oklahoma, and how Oklahomans can use some of the same methodology to save important buildings in their communities (see Plenary Speakers for 2018 Preservation Conference in this issue).

Day 2 will feature a half-day mobile workshop titled “A Field Study of Dwelling in the IDL.” This workshop will highlight specific historic downtown buildings that have been rehabilitated for use as residential property. Also, on day two, training from the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions titled “CAMP: Commission Assistance and Mentoring Program” will be held. This full-day program is intended for those attendees that represent historic preservation commissions throughout Oklahoma.

Other interesting topics to be covered over the three-day period include the difficulty in working with and restoring mid-century properties; rehabilitating a historic observatory; unusual military resources in Oklahoma; the intersection of historic preservation and cultural districts; and, how to build on partnerships.

The conference ends on June 8th with a discussion from Dan Carmody on the 100+ year old Eastern Market and how he helped to turn around the property in Detroit making it a destination in the city (see Plenary Speakers for 2018 Preservation Conference in this issue).

Special events include the opening reception; many tour options; Preservation Oklahoma, Inc.’s annual meeting and luncheon; and the State Historic Preservation Office’s annual awards banquet.



Lawrence and Gene LeVick’s Contribution to the Preservation of Oklahoma’s Archeological Sites

Lawrence and Imogene LeVick at an archeological site

Lawrence and Imogene (Gene) LeVick were well known avocational archeologists in Oklahoma. They began their enthusiasm of archeology in the 1950s, when documenting archeological sites and artifacts was not common practice in Oklahoma. This was a time when it was customary for people to excavate archeological sites for the value of the artifacts themselves, without regard to the significant information surrounding them. The LeVicks diligently recorded these sites in southwestern Oklahoma for close to 50 years. A majority of the time, their records were the only documentation on these archeological sites in the state. Most of the sites that the LeVicks recorded were from Reclamation property, but they also recorded sites on private property in conjunction with the landowner.

For five decades, both Lawrence and Gene monitored sites on Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) property in the W.C. Austin Project (Altus Lake) and notified the proper personnel when human remains were discovered. They contributed information to Oklahoma’s archeological record by recording archeological sites, collecting artifacts, and respectively excavating burial remains that may have otherwise been lost. The LeVicks took archeological site preservation seriously and were a great asset to the archeological community. Over the years, they accumulated a large collection of prehistoric and historic artifacts. In addition, all the artifacts that were collected were labeled and separated by site. They were dedicated to documenting archeology and understanding the past.

In addition to collecting artifacts, they also documented features such as hearths and burials. They discouraged the looting of sites and the sale of artifacts. In fact, they were known to chase off people who were looting sites.

Burial data records were completed at all burial excavations that the LeVick’s were associated with, including photographs and accurate sketches. These sketches and descriptions of burials excavated on federal property have been valuable in the repatriation of the human remains and affiliated funerary objects found on Reclamation property under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA).

Roger LeVick, Lawrence and Gene’s son, recalls a conversation upon returning from Lake Altus one time, “Bigfoot was at the site today, I saw his tracks everywhere!” Gene exclaimed. “You’ll get there first, next time”, Roger told her. No, Sasquatch is not in southwest Oklahoma. They were referring to other people hunting arrowheads on Reclamation land. Lawrence and Gene may not have known who these people were, but they could identify them by their footprints.

“Let’s go make some tracks” was a frequent phrase in the LeVick home. It referred to the activity of monitoring the areas (making footprints) where looters frequented. If you walked a particular area, then when looters came by and saw that the area had already been walked on, then they weren’t the first ones to get there. This would usually discourage looters, and they left the area.

Lawrence and Gene LeVick shared their passion for archaeology with their children. Roger LeVick spent his childhood going out with his parents to different sites and collecting artifacts. He enjoyed learning about the artifacts and the history, but once he learned how to make

different types of arrowheads and tools himself, he lost interest in collecting, and would have rather been swimming in the lake. Because of the love of his parents had for archaeology and preservation, Roger had the privilege of meeting many people in the field of archaeology that came to research his parents’ collection. Dr. Don Wyckoff (University of Oklahoma) and Lee Goode (Davis Gun Museum) recognized his interest in historical artifacts, mainly guns, and helped him learn as much as he could about them.

For half of a century, the LeVick family worked with the professional community, the advocational community (Oklahoma Anthropological Society), federal and state agencies, and private landowners in a mission to preserve southwest Oklahoma’s archaeological sites.

In the fall of 2016, Jeff Tompkins and Kate Ellison, from Reclamation, met with Roger and Liz LeVick at Quartz Mountain State Park. They discussed how Lawrence and Gene LeVick’s family desired to keep all the collected artifacts and documentation together in one place, for people to study. This was what Lawrence and Gene wanted for the collection. A decision had to be made; how to best curate, protect, and make a researchable tool for the materials collected on Reclamation property.

From December 2016 through May 2017, personnel from Reclamation and the Institute of the Great Plains (IGP) met with Liz LeVick to transfer artifacts housed at the LeVick residences. Lawrence had thousands of artifacts labelled, most of the time individually, with the appropriate state site number. In addition, there were hundreds of grinding stones, including manos and metates (approximately 500-700) that are in the collection. Eight trips were made to transfer the artifacts to the Museum of the Great Plains (MGP), where they will be cataloged into a database, photographed and prepared for long term storage, but most importantly, the collection will be accessible for research.



Gene LeVick (center of photo) at the Perry Ranch site in Jackson County



Artifacts being processed at the Museum of the Great Plains in 2017

Student interns will assist in the cataloging process, under the supervision of Debra Baker, record the information into the Interior Collection Management System database, under a cooperative agreement with Reclamation. The project will take at least take two years. The estimated count of the LeVick Collection is 24,000 individual artifacts that occupy around 120 cubic feet of space.

The Bureau of Reclamation, Institute of the Great Plains, and the Museum of the Great Plains would like to give special thanks to Roger and Liz LeVick for their assistance in transferring the collection of artifacts, and associated notes, to MGP where they will be curated forever, and will continue to be a great resource for research and study of Oklahoma prehistory.

***Kate Ellison and Debra Baker
Archaeologists
Bureau of Reclamation - OTAO***



SHPO Announces May Workshops

May 9-11, 2018
Oklahoma City

Bryan County Mixed Truss Bridge, Photo: SHPO

The Oklahoma Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office, is pleased to announce its May Workshop series. The sessions will be held May 9-11, 2018, in the Oklahoma History Center Musser Learning Lab, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive (immediately northeast of the State Capitol), Oklahoma City. (Note: May 9th workshops will be held in the classrooms.)

The workshops are free and open to the public, but we ask that you register by 5:00pm, Wednesday, May 3. Space is limited and will be available on a first-come basis. To register, contact Jesse Matthews at 405/521-6249 or jmatthews@okhistory.org. You may also register online at www.okhistory.org/shpo/workshops.php.

Design professionals who attend the workshops will qualify for HSW hours needed to fulfill requirements of the State of Oklahoma's Board of Governors of Licensed Architects, Landscape Architects, and Interior Designers. A certificate of attendance will be e-mailed to participants after the workshops. Self-report your attendance to the board.

If you have questions about the content of the workshops, contact Lynda Ozan, Deputy SHPO, at 405/522-4484 or lozan@okhistory.org.

Workshop Schedule and Descriptions:
May 9 (10:30am-12:00noon) – Certified Local Governments Program: The SHPO and Municipalities Preserving Community Heritage (presented by Lynda Ozan, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer)

The National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, provides for partnerships to identify, evaluate, and protect historic properties in communities of all sizes. A local government joins the federal-state partnership when it achieves Certified Local Government (CLG) status. CLGs play a direct role in the nomination of properties to the National Register of Historic Places, receive subgrants from the SHPO's annual Historic Preservation Fund allocation from the National Park Service, and may assume other SHPO duties. The workshop topics include eligibility for CLG status, minimum requirements for local historic preservation ordinances, and benefits to the local historic preservation program.

May 9 (1:30pm-4:30pm) – Introduction to Section 106 and Determinations of Eligibility for the National Register (presented by Lynda Ozan, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer and Cate Wood, Historical Archeologist/Section 106 Program Coordinator)

The workshop provides the basics about the review process in Oklahoma under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Topics include who are the participants in the process and what are their roles, identification and evaluation of historic properties, determination of effects on historic properties, and resolution of adverse effects. Step-by-step instructions will be provided for requesting the State Historic Preservation Office's comments on federal undertakings and for completing the Historic Preservation Resource Identification Form for standing structures.

May 10 (10:30am-4:30pm) - Working with the National Register of Historic Places (presented by Lynda Ozan, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer)

The National Register of Historic Places is the foundation of the SHPO's programs, and a basic understanding of the register is essential for those involved in historic preservation at all levels of government and in the private sector. The workshop provides detailed information about the National Register criteria, what listing means, the rights of property owners in the nomination process, tips for preparing successful nominations, and much more.

May 11 (10:30am-12:00noon) - Tax Incentives for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings (presented by Jennifer Bailey, Tax Program Coordinator/Historic Preservation Specialist)

Participants will learn about the federal and state investment tax credits for certified rehabilitation of a certified historic structure. A detailed discussion of the Historic Preservation Certification Application, Parts 1, 2, and 3, will guide owners and developers in successfully preparing the information needed for

the State Historic Preservation Office to review the project and for the National Park Service to certify it. The session is designed as a stand-alone workshop or as a companion to the Secretary's Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings.

May 11 (1:30pm-4:30pm) – The Secretary's Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings (presented by Jennifer Bailey, Tax Program Coordinator/Historic Preservation Specialist)

The workshop features a discussion of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitation. Generally known as The Standards, these commonsense principles are widely used in the historic preservation field. Whether pursuing the 20% federal and 20% state tax credits for a certified rehabilitation, planning a rehabilitation project funded with federal assistance, serving on a local historic preservation commission, or rehabilitating your historic private home, you will find the session beneficial. It is designed as a stand-alone workshop and as a companion to Tax Incentives for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings.

Gravestone Conservation Workshop

On May 3-4, 2018, Preservation Oklahoma and Cherokee Nation Cultural Tourism will host a two-day workshop at the Tahlequah Public Cemetery. The workshops will take place from 9am to 4pm each day. The cost is \$45 for both days and that includes lunch and materials. Participants may attend one or both days, but space is limited. This workshop is possible due to the generous support of the Cherokee Nation.

Jonathan Appell, a member of the Preservation Trades Network, will lead hands-on, interactive training for participants, covering topics including how to re-set stones, repair to fragmented stones, appropriate repair materials, use of infill material, and methods for re-pointing and cleaning masonry.

Mr. Appell is a professional gravestone and masonry conservation specialist with expertise in cemetery preservation planning. He has performed gravestone preservation and planning projects on many historically significant cemeteries throughout the United States, including Congressional Cemetery in Washington, DC; The Granary in Boston, MA; Sleepy Hollow Cemetery in Tarrytown, NY; The First Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Greensboro, NC; and The New Haven Crypt in New Haven, CT.



2016 Tahlequah Workshop. Photo: POK

Please contact Preservation Oklahoma at 405/525-5325 or visit www.preservationok.org for more information and to register for the workshop; space and supplies are limited.



Mysteries of the Mansion tours have begun at the Overholser Mansion, 7pm every third Thursday through October.

Mysteries of the Mansion is a unique and special tour that explores some of the behind-the-scenes history and spaces not typically on a regular Overholser Mansion tour. Overholser Museum Coordinator Lisa Escalon will be leading this tour and will share interesting stories of the mansion and the Overholser family history. These events are offered for \$20, with a special discount for Preservation Oklahoma members.

Overholser Mansion Address:
405 NW 15th Street,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73103

Visit preservationok.org for more details and to purchase tickets.

Preservation Oklahoma, Inc. Welcomes New Leadership

Preservation Oklahoma (POK) is excited to announce Cayla Lewis has been selected as the new Executive Director for Preservation Oklahoma. As the Executive Director, she will serve as the organization’s chief executive, responsible for all operational oversight while engaging Oklahomans and advocating for the preservation of our historical resources.

“I’m incredibly excited to join Preservation Oklahoma, and I see so much opportunity for the organization,” said Lewis. “As our cities and state continue to progress into the future, it’s important to honor and celebrate the past which makes us who we are.”

Preservation Oklahoma also welcomes new board members, shown with Cayla Lewis in the photo below.



Susan McCalmont, Tori Raines, Cayla Lewis, Lynne Rostochil, Daniel Mathis Barrett. Photo: POK

New Board Members Include:

Susan McCalmont, Creative Oklahoma
Oklahoma City

Tori Raines, CP&Y
Oklahoma City

Lynne Rostochil, American Leak Detection
Oklahoma City

Daniel Mathis Barrett, Devon Energy
Oklahoma City

We thank them for their board service and are excited to have them join the POK team!

Plenary Speakers for the 2018 Preservation Conference

Preservation in Progress: Oklahoma’s 30th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference (Tulsa, June 6-8) features plenary sessions, workshops, concurrent tracks of sessions, and special events. Three special guest speakers will provide presentations during the plenary sessions.

PLENARY SESSION #1 (Wednesday, June 6) features Tim Tielman presenting the “Campaign for Greater Buffalo History, Architecture & Culture.” Some consider Tielman a champion of preserving the city’s urban fabric; others consider him a road block. As the executive director of the Campaign for Greater Buffalo History, Architecture & Culture and principal of The Neighborhood Workshop, Tielman has been involved in every preservation issue in the city of Buffalo for the past 25 years, usually as an advocate and sometimes as a plaintiff. Tielman will be discussing the issues surrounding preservation in Buffalo and how even the smallest towns in Oklahoma can benefit from these same approaches.

PLENARY SESSION #2 (Friday, June 8) features Dan Carmody, head of Eastern Market. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce, Oklahoma Main Street Center, is sponsoring Dan’s participation in the conference. Dan Carmody started his career as a bar owner in Rock Island, Illinois, during the 1970s when Rock Island was a true Rust Belt. The business ran into trouble, but Carmody used the experience to help other small businesses. Carmody used his experiences to take over Detroit’s giant Eastern Market, a 126-year-old market that operates as a freestanding non-profit organization with revenues of more than \$6 million. As other cities’ food-production districts have shrunk, Dan has focused on expanding the market, which serves 2 million people a year, to draw food businesses and entrepreneurs to the city. Carmody will discuss how his expertise helped to expand the hold of the Eastern Market on Detroit and how those same business principles can work for towns in Oklahoma.

Follow conference developments at <http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/conference.htm> or contact Lynda Ozan, Deputy SHPO, 405/522-4484 or lozan@okhistory.org.

Scholarships, Continuing Education Credits for Statewide Conference

Special opportunities are available for Oklahoma college and university students, design professionals, and planners who attend *Preservation in Progress: Oklahoma’s 30th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference*. It will be held June 6-8, 2018, in downtown Tulsa (full registration and program details available in late April).

Qualified scholarship applicants are full-time students (undergraduate or graduate) enrolling for the Summer and/or Fall 2017 semester(s) in any Oklahoma college or university and pursuing a degree in history, architecture, landscape architecture, architectural history, art history, anthropology, archeology, interior design, planning, geography, law or other field closely related to historic preservation. Twenty (20) scholarships are available on a first-come basis to those who qualify. The scholarship covers the conference registration fee, and the application deadline is 5:00pm, Friday, May 4. For details and an application form contact Lynda Ozan, Deputy SHPO, at 405/522-4484 or lozan@okhistory.org, or visit the SHPO’s website at <http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/conference/scholarshipapplication.pdf>.

By attending the conference, design professionals will earn up to 13.5 HSW hours needed to fulfill requirements of the State of Oklahoma’s Board of Governors of Licensed Architects, Landscape Architects, and Interior Designers. Planners will earn AICP (American Institute of Certified Planners) Certification Maintenance credits (information about calculating credit hours will be provided at the conference). Simply register for the conference and sign in at the State Historic Preservation Office table in the registration area at the conference. Instructions for documenting and reporting attendance will be provided there, too.

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Upcoming SHPO, Preservation Oklahoma, and statewide historic preservation events and workshops

- April 6** - Deadline for SHPO National Register Nomination Grants
- April 10-12** - "Are We There Yet?" Preservation of Roadside Attractions Conference, Tulsa
- April 19** - Mysteries of the Mansion, Oklahoma City
- April 25-27** - Oklahoma History Conference, Oklahoma City
- May 3-4** - Gravestone Workshop, Tahlequah
- May 4** - Deadline for Preservation Leadership + Preservation Awards nominations
- May 4** - Deadline for SHPO Statewide Conference scholarship application
- May 4** - Urban Campout, Overholser Mansion, Oklahoma City
- May 7** - Most Endangered Places Unveiling, Oklahoma City
- May 9-11** - SHPO Workshops, Oklahoma City
- May 17** - Mysteries of the Mansion, Oklahoma City
- June 6-8** - 2018 Preservation Oklahoma Conference, Tulsa
- June 7** - Preservation Oklahoma Conference Mixer, Tulsa
- June 8** - Annual Members' Meeting, presenting Preservation Leadership Awards and Preservation Awards, Tulsa
- June 16** - White Party, Overholser Mansion, Oklahoma City
- June 21** - Mysteries of the Mansion, Oklahoma City

National Register Nomination Grants

The Oklahoma Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), is now accepting applications for its annual matching grants to state, local, and tribal governments and nonprofit organizations for the preparation of National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) nominations. The SHPO reserved \$10,000 of its FY 2018 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) allocation from the U.S. Department of the Interior for these grants. The deadline for Round I is the first Friday in April (April 6, 2018). The deadline for Round II is the first Friday in June (June 1, 2018).

Each grant is limited to \$1,000, and the applicant must provide a nonfederal, cash match of at least \$700. Grant recipients will use the funds to retain an appropriately qualified professional to complete an individual property nomination for the NRHP.

The NRHP is the catalogue of our nation's significant buildings, structures, sites, districts, objects, and landscapes. While listing in the NRHP is not a guarantee of preservation or of financial assistance, it is one of the most important components of the preservation strategy for any significant property. The designation provides increased public awareness of these irreplaceable resources, provides limited protection for them, qualifies property owners for federal tax credits under certain circumstances, and may qualify the property owner for grant assistance when such programs are funded.

To obtain an NRHP nomination grant application, just go to www.okhistory.org/shpo/nrgrant.htm. You may also obtain the application from the SHPO by calling 405/521-6249.

POK Seeks Preservation Award & Preservation Leadership Award Nominations

Preservation projects happen ONLY because of the efforts of local citizens across our state. Preservation Oklahoma would like to applaud the work of these individuals and groups whose tenacity, courage, and determination are the backbone of successful preservation projects across Oklahoma. We are eager to compile our 2018 Preservation Award recipients and would like to solicit your assistance. Help us identify candidates whose work in historic preservation is noteworthy by returning the completed form below.

Four Preservation Awards will be given: Rural Private Sector; Rural Public Sector; Urban Private Sector; Urban Public Sector. Work must be completed between April 1, 2017 and March 31, 2018.

Four Preservation Leadership Awards will be given: Young Leadership Award, and three Preservation Leadership Awards in the categories of individual, government agency, and organization

Nomination forms may be found at preservationok.org.



2017 Awards Event. Photo: POK

The Preservation Awards will be presented at Preservation Oklahoma's Annual Luncheon held at the Statewide Preservation Conference in Oklahoma City on June 8, 2018.

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Membership Benefits

Membership benefits include discounted tickets to POK events, complimentary tours of the Overholser Mansion, and invitations to our annual membership appreciation event.

Membership Levels:

Student	\$25
Individual	\$50
Family	\$100
Partner	\$500

To join, please visit <http://www.preservationok.org/become-a-member.html> and join through our secure online payment form. You can also join by calling the POK offices!